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SUBJECT: AFGHAN-PAK RELATIONS

1. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR CALLED ON ACTING ASST. SECY. SOBER ON FEBRUARY 28 AT LATTER'S REQUEST. COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY SALJOOQUE AND SCHIFFERDECKER, NEA/PAB, SAT IN.

2. SOBER FIRST INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR OF SENATOR PERCY'S INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN BY HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN KATHMANDU. HE RELATED THAT SENATOR PERCY HAD JUST TELEPHONED TO REPORT ON HIS CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH NAIM AND PRESIDENT CHAUDHRY. SOBER SAID THE U.S. WAS
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GRATIFIED AT THE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY BOTH

REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT WE HOPED THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD LEAD TO AN IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE AND A RENEWED ATTEMPT BY BOTH SIDES TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY.

3. SOBER THEN SAID THAT HE WISHED TO COMMENT FRANKLY ON THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT ISSUED FEBRUARY 25 PROTESTING THE U.S. DECISION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ON THE SALE OF ARMS TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT ONLY WHEN TWO COUNTRIES HAVE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS CAN THEY SPEAK FRANKLY AND

THEREFORE CONSTRUCTIVELY. MALIKYAR AGREED. SOBER THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) THE U.S. REGRETS THE MFA STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 25, PARTICULARLY THE CHARGE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, "WHICH SEEKS TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY IS IN REALITY DOING EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE ;

(B) AS WE HAD EMPHASIZED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN IN ADVANCE OF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT, THE U.S. DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO UPSET THE STRATEGIC BALANCE IN THE REGION;

(C) ON THE CONTRARY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY OUR DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE RESTRAINT AND RECONCILIATION IN THE AREA;

(D) WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON OUR DECISION, BUT WE BELIEVE ANY SUCH DIFFERENCES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN OURSELVES;

(E) IN VIEW OF THE EFFORTS WE HAVE MADE TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN OF THE RATIONALE FOR OUR POLICY AND THE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, WE ARE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HAS CHOSEN TO REJECT PUBLICLY IN THE MANNER IT DID THE VIEWS WHICH WE SET FORTH.

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4. MALIKYAR RESPONDED THAT HE HAD PROMISED TO CONVEY TO US THE REACTION OF KABUL TO THE DISCUSSION WITH SOBER FEBRUARY 25 (STATE 42840) BUT NOTED THAT THE MFA STATEMENT (WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM KABUL) CAME ON THE SAME DAY OF THE EARLIER CONVERSATION. SOBER REGRETTEED THAT HE HAD BEEN OUT OF TOWN AND UNABLE TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON FEBRUARY 24, BUT THAT OUR CHARGE IN KABUL HAD CONVEYED OUR DECISION AND

THE RATIONALE TO WAHEED ABDULLAH ON FEBRUARY 23.

5. MALIKYAR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR VIEWS AND PROMISED TO RELAY THEM. HE REITERATED THAT AFGHANISTAN WANTS TO MAINTAIN ITS NONALIGNED POSITION AND TO LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. HE RECALLED THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE GOOD WILL OF THE U.S., AND NOTED THAT DURING THE PAST YEAR THERE HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AFGHANISTAN CULMINATING IN THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN LAST FALL. HE REGRETTED THAT OUR DECISION, THOUGH UNRELATED, CAME AT A TIME

WHEN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS WERE WORSENING, SUGGESTING THAT THIS PROBABLY TRIGGERED THE MFA STATEMENT. HE ADDED THAT THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE READ IN THE CONTEXT OF AFGHAN CONCERN OVER THE GOP'S MASS IMPRISONMENT OF AFGHANISTAN'S "BLOOD BROTHERS" IN PAKISTAN AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM GOOD AFGHAN-U.S. RELATIONS.

6. SOBER CONCLUDED THE MEETING WITH MALIKYAR AGREEING THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD SUMMON UP THE GOOD WILL AND DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS IN SPITE OF RECENT EVENTS.

7. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE TO GOA ALONG LINES OF PARAGRAPH THREE ABOVE. KISSINGER

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